

House Study Bill 700

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AGRICULTURE BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the financing of projects relating to flood
2 and erosion control by a county board of supervisors by
3 authorizing the expansion of a property tax levy.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 6075HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 161E.9, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 161E.9 TAX LEVY.
1 4 The county board of supervisors may annually levy a tax not
1 5 to exceed six and three-fourths cents per thousand dollars of
1 6 ~~the assessed value of all agricultural lands taxable property~~
1 7 in the county, to be used for flood and erosion control,
1 8 including acquisition of land or interests in land, and
1 9 repair, alteration, maintenance, and operation of works of
1 10 improvement on lands under the control or jurisdiction of the
1 11 county as provided in this chapter.
1 12 EXPLANATION
1 13 This bill amends Code chapter 161E which authorizes a
1 14 county board of supervisors to provide for flood control, soil
1 15 erosion control, and watershed improvement in the county in
1 16 cooperation with other local governments (e.g., soil and water
1 17 conservation districts) and the federal government.
1 18 Code section 161E.9 authorizes the board to levy a property
1 19 tax on the assessed value of the county's agricultural land to
1 20 finance flood and erosion control projects. The bill amends
1 21 the Code section to provide that the tax is to be levied on
1 22 all of the taxable property in the county.
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